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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BARBOZA

TO ECUADOR

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1. SUMMARY: BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BARBOZA'S VISIT TO QUITO RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE AND WENT OFF SMOOTHLY. IT WAS HEAVY ON CEREMONY, BUT ONLY AGREEMENTS ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND VISA RELAXATION WERE SIGNED, AS WAS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. BARBOZA SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN ECUADOREAN ROYALTY PETROLEUM AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTING. END SUMMARY.

2. THE VISA AGREEMENT: IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON JULY 12 THE GOE AND GOB AGREED TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT
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FOR TOURIST VISAS FOR CITIZENS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY FOR

VISITS UP TO 90 DAYS. THE AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE

60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTES.

3. THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: A NEW CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT REPLACING THAT OF 1944 WAS SIGNED BY BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, THE EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, SCHOLARSHIPS, MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS, AND EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC TV AND RADIO PROGRAMS, THE EXCHANGE OF MOVIES, FREE CIRCULATION OF EACH OTHERS' PERIODICALS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS, AND TRANSLATION AND/OR PUBLICATION OF LITERARY, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC WORKS. THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE EXECUTED BY A MIXED COMMISSION AND TO ENTER INTO FORCE 30 DAYS AFTER RATIFICATIONS.

4. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE: THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, REAFFIRMS THEIR REQUEST FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW SUCH AS THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY BETWEEN STATES, THE RIGHT OF FREE SELF-DETERMINATION, NON-INTERVENTION, AND THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. THE COMMUNIQUE WENT ON TO EXPRESS ANXIETY ABOUT THE PROTECTIONIST POLICIES OF "SOME HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED STATES" AND THE NEED TO INCLUDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS. IT CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO ENSURE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY OF MONTEVIDEO AND BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CARTAGENA AGREEMENT AND ASSERTED THE NEED FOR THE MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WORK MARITIME TRANSPORT. THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO PROTECT AND DISPOSE FREELY OF NATURAL

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RESOURCES BE MADE EFFECTIVE. THEY ALSO REASSERTED THE RIGHT OF COASTAL STATES TO FIX THE LIMIT OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OVER THEIR ADJACENT SEA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATION. THE MINISTERS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER IN THE UP-COMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. FINALLY THE TWO MINISTERS STATED THAT THEY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO INCREASING RIVER AND

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMAZON REGION AS WELL AS PROVIDING FOR CONSERVATION OF THE AREA'S FLORA AND FAUNA. THEREFORE IT WAS AGREED THAT WORK WOULD GO FORWARD ON THE INTEROCEANIC ROAD IN THE PUTUMAYO REGION (THE COLOMBIAN-ECUADOREAN BORDER).

5. THE PRESS CONFERENCE: IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE ARGENTINIAN DENUNCIATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL CONCERNING THE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT ON THE PARANA RIVER, BARBOZA STATED THAT HE HAD NO SPECIFIC COMMENT SINCE HE HAD NOT SEEN THE DENUNCIATION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNGA. ASKED IF BRAZIL WAS TRYING TO ORGANIZE AN "AMAZONIAN FRONT", BARBOZA REPLIED THAT IT WAS THE POLICY OF BRAZIL TO SUPPORT ALL INTEGRATIONIST ACTIVITY BUT NOT TO ORGANIZE FRONTS DESIGNED TO PERMIT ONE GROUP OF COUNTRIES TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ANOTHER GROUP. BARBOZA PRAISED THE ANDEAN GROUP AND SAID BRAZIL SUPPORTS NON-INTERVENTION AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE ASSERTED THAT THE REASON WHY HE WAS NOT VISITING CHILE DURING THE COURSE OF HIS TRIP WAS BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN INVITED. HE ADDED THAT CHILE HAD NOT BEEN OMITTED BECAUSE OF THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT PREVAILING THERE NOR ITS PHILOSOPHY BECAUSE BRAZIL PRACTICES THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION "PROVIDED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES RESPECT THE BRAZILIAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND DO NOT TRY TO INTERVENE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS". IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ASKING IF BRAZIL WAS SEEKING POLITICAL HEGEMONY IN SOUTH AMERICA IN COMPETITION WITH ARGENTINA, BARBOZA SAID THAT NATIONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHERE TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS AND THAT THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE BOLIVIAN GAS IS NOT MEANT TO BE PREJUDICIAL TO ARGENTINA. CONFIDENTIAL

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE ASSERTION OF THE BRAZILIAN BISHOP HELDER CAMARA THAT THE "BRAZILIAN MIRACLE" REALLY AMOUNTED TO THE ENRICHMENT OF CERTAIN CLASSES WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE REMAINED POOR, BARBOZA DENIED IT.

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6. PETROLEUM: DURING THE VISIT, BARBOZA MET THE ECUADOREAN MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES NAVY CAPTAIN JARRIN. ACCORDING TO JARRIN, THEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE BRAZILIAN PURCHASE OF ECUADOR'S ROYALTY CRUDE. JARRIN TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD TOLD BARBOZA THAT BRAZIL WAS MORE THAN WELCOME TO ENTER THE BIDDING FOR THE CRUDE. (BIDDING IS ON JULY 16.) BARBOZA, IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS, SIMPLY SAID THAT IDEAS HAD BEEN EXCHANGED AND THAT NO PROPOSALS HAD BEEN MADE.

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7. COMMENT: BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF BARBOZA, BRAZILIAN SOURCES TOLD US THAT THE GOB DID NOT ATTACH MUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE TO THIS VISIT TO ECUADOR. THE SAME SOURCES ALSO SAID THAT THE INTEROCEANIC ROAD WAS DEAD WITH RESPECT TO ECUADOR SINCE THE GOE HAD PROVED UNWILLING TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON THE PROJECT. AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DINNER FOR BARBOZA, THE ECUADOREAN FOREIGN

MINISTER CALLED FOR GREATER ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS AND ASSERTED THAT
THE FOREMER HAD AN OBLIGATION TO ASSIST THE LATTER WITHOUT
CONDITIONS OR, MORE EXACTLY, ON CONDITIONS FIXED BY THE
DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS POSISITION GOT WATERED DOWN IN
THE COMMUNIQUE. THE POSSIBILITY OF BRAZILIAN
PURCHASES OF ECUADOREAN ROYALTY CRUDE IS INTERESTING
BUT A BIT IMPROBABLE SINCE THE GOE APPARENTLY MERELY
INVITED THE GOB TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIDDING.
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